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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tsukasa YAMAMOTO et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/221,656

FILED: December 23, 1998

FOR: PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL GOODS AND A RAW
MATERIAL ORDERING SYSTEM



Date: February 3, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2786

Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 33-73 as follows:

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33. A method for supplying manufactured goods, comprising the steps of:
receiving data identifying actual number of units sold of a good by a sample
number of retail outlets;
estimating a total number of units of said good sold for all retail outlets by
scaling-up said received data;
predicting future demand for said good based on said estimated total number of
units of said good sold;

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